

REMARKS

Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering the present application and for indicating that claims 1-10, 13, and 14 are allowed.

Disposition of Claims

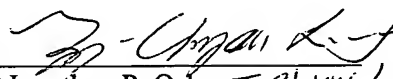
Claims 1-10, 11, 13, and 14 were pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, and 12 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. By way of this reply, claims 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-10, 13, and 14 are currently pending in the present application. Accordingly, because only allowable claims remain pending in the present application, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in obvious condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115.091001).

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